



# City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: August 24, 2004

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

SUBJECT: Proclamation – August 2004 National Immunization Awareness Month



# CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2004

WHEREAS, immunizations are an essential facet of preventive medicine for individuals of all ages, helping to protect the well-being of residents in Loma Linda and reduce the health care costs associated with numerous preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is a common misconception that only infants and children need vaccines, but vaccinations are recommended to begin soon after birth and should continue throughout your lifetime; and

WHEREAS, numerous cases of infectious diseases that could be prevented continue to occur in Loma Linda annually, despite the ready availability of safe and effective vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), is a not-for-profit health plan dedicated to providing affordable, comprehensive health care to families in the Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring that all segments of the Inland Empire population, insured and uninsured alike, maintain access to needed medical care, IEHP provides its members immunizations at no cost and encourages high-risk residents to obtain immunizations; and

WHEREAS, during the Month of August, National Immunization Awareness Month, IEHP and other health care providers will be working to raise awareness of the need to control diseases such as pneumonia, seizures, liver cancer, deafness, or paralysis that may cause serious health problems, and the importance of increasing immunization rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the Month of August 2004

#### National Immunization Awareness Month

in Loma Linda and encourage family, friends, co-workers and residents of Loma Linda to catch up on their vaccinations during August.

SIGNED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004.

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Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor